

REMEDICATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR  
February 20, 2003

FEEDBACK REQUESTED - HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP TRAINING

DNR has provided four hours of detailed training to staff in the RR and Waste Management programs regarding environmental cleanup where some of the contaminated media may be defined as hazardous waste. We are now evaluating options for external training. Preliminary discussions with the NR 700 Consultant Focus Group showed an interest in an educational session on this topic. We are planning a breakout session on hazardous waste cleanups at the upcoming Wisconsin Groundwater Association conference in early April. <http://www.wgwa.org/calendarevents.html> Another option is for DNR to work with the Federation of Environmental Technologists (FET) to help organize training. Some attorneys have indicated an interest in a streamlined version of the training that would cover the fundamentals. We'd like further feedback regarding the level of interest in training sessions. If interested, please e-mail Mark Gordon, Technical Resources Section Chief in the Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment at [Mark.Gordon@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:Mark.Gordon@dnr.state.wi.us) within the next few weeks with the following information:

- Name
- Title
- Company
- Location Preference
- Prefer detailed training or general overview?

Thanks for your help. We will compile the results and make an announcement. We have decided to label the hazardous waste remediation guidance as "draft" for a period of time so that we may more easily address questions or comments from external users. We will post the draft guidance on our web site for immediate use as soon as we have scanned all the relevant documents (e.g. concurrence letters from EPA).

OPTIONS FOR TRAINING ON CHLORINATED COMPOUND CLEANUP

Draft guidance, "Understanding Chlorinated Hydrocarbon Behavior in Groundwater: Investigation, Assessment and Limitations of Monitored Natural Attenuation" is also available on the web. This document provides guidance on characterizing, assessing and monitoring sites where monitored natural attenuation (MNA) of chlorinated hydrocarbons is being considered as part of a cleanup strategy. The RR program is considering conducting an on-line training session for this guidance. Consultants who are interested in commenting on the content or format for this training may contact Jane Lemcke, Remediation and Redevelopment Program team leader for the Standards and Streamlining Team, at [Jane.Lemcke@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:Jane.Lemcke@dnr.state.wi.us).

DEPT OF HEALTH VAPOR INTRUSION GUIDANCE ON THE WEB

The Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) has developed guidance for consultants evaluating the vapor intrusion pathway, a developing topic in Wisconsin and nationally. Sites with volatile organic compound (VOC) contamination are potential public health hazards, including VOC movement from groundwater or soil into nearby building foundations, and then into the indoor air that people breathe. This pathway is commonly known as chemical vapor intrusion. Changing atmospheric conditions such as wind, pressure, and precipitation rapidly affect indoor VOC concentrations. Health risks from breathing VOCs in air are greater than from drinking comparably contaminated water. The document is intended to assist consultants and

contractors in understanding the basic concepts of chemical vapor intrusion and the importance of addressing this potential public health issue, and will be updated as the state learns more. DHFS encourages feedback to the agency from consultants as they gain site specific experience regarding vapor intrusion at their Wisconsin projects. Comments and questions may be directed to Chuck Warzecha at warzecj@dhfs.state.wi.us, or at 608-267-3732. The guidance is on the DHFS web site at - <http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/eh/Air/>

#### EPA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - GREAT LAKES PROTECTION & CLEANUP

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is requesting proposals for up to \$4,827,000 for projects furthering protection and clean up of the Great Lakes. Grants, cooperative agreements, and interagency agreements are available under the Clean Water Act for activities in the Great Lakes Basin. State pollution control agencies, interstate agencies, other public or nonprofit private agencies, institutions, and organizations may apply for four Requests for Proposals (RFPs).

- RFP 1: \$2,720,000 for projects addressing contaminated sediments, pollution prevention and reduction, habitat protection and restoration, invasive species, and strategic or emerging issues.
- RFP 2: \$1,752,000 for specific Great Lakes projects furthering the lakewide management plans and remedial action plans, such as monitoring, outreach, training, assessment, and coordination.
- RFP 3: \$275,000 for Great Lakes conferences and publications, and for specific conferences on Lake Michigan and basin-wide RAP Priorities.
- RFP 4: \$60,000 to \$100,000 for an "intermediary" organization to make and administer grant sub-awards for habitat and other areas.

The initial deadline for all proposals is March 31, 2003, with a separate rolling deadline for specified conferences and publications. More information about these RFPs is on EPA's web site at <http://www.epa.gov/glnpo/fund/2003guid/> For more information, please contact Mike Russ, EPA at 312-886-4013, or at [russ.michael@epa.gov](mailto:russ.michael@epa.gov)

This newsletter operates by self-subscription only.

To subscribe, send an e-mail message to [majordomo@badger.state.wi.us](mailto:majordomo@badger.state.wi.us) Omit an entry in the subject line, type "subscribe rr" (without quote marks) alone in the body of the message. Do not use a signature block. To unsubscribe, send an e-mail to [majordomo@badger.state.wi.us](mailto:majordomo@badger.state.wi.us) In the body of the message type "unsubscribe rr name" (without quote marks). "Name" is the e-mail address you used to subscribe to the list. Please be sure your signature block is turned off.